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MARGARINE PRODUCTION
December 1948

The production of margarine based on reports from manufacturers in the United States amounted to 69,414,000 pounds during December 1948. This production was 9,043,000 pounds under that of December 1947 but 12,435,000 pounds above the December average for the 5 years, 1943-1947.

Of the total amount manufactured during the month 67,545,000 pounds, or 97 percent, were made from vegetable oils only and 1,869,000 pounds, or 3 percent, from animal and vegetable oils. Coloring was added to 9,505,000 pounds. Margarine produced in 1948 amounted to 874,596,000 pounds. This was the highest annual production on record.

		Production of margarine containing				
Date	Animal and		Vegetable Oils		Total	
	vegetable oils					
	Uncolored	Colored	Uncolored	Colored		
- Thousands of pounds -						
December 1948....:	1,815	54	58,094	9,451	69,414	
December 1947....:	2,032	72	70,109	6,244	78,457	
December 5-yr. average 1943-47:	2,459	265	48,618	5,637	56,979	
1948						
January.....:	2,320	100	77,731	7,621	87,772	
February.....:	1,787	53	71,555	6,350	79,745	
March.....:	1,247	42	64,476	5,794	71,559	
April.....:	558	-	66,756	6,369	73,683	
May.....:	828	-	71,302	6,988	79,118	
June.....:	2,376	19	63,669	5,983	72,047	
July.....:	1,051	81	41,259	8,060	50,451	
August.....:	1,558	119	61,002	7,166	69,845	
September.....:	1,595	155	65,569	8,690	76,009	
October.....:	1,547	32	65,654	8,789	76,022	
November.....:	1,667	72	57,510	9,682	68,931	
Yearly totals						
Total 1948.....:	18,349	727	764,577	90,943	874,596	
Total 1947.....:	20,919	654	661,411	55,725	738,709	
Total 1946.....:	16,321	1,533	498,419	56,379	572,652	
Total 1945.....:	24,438	9,540	490,881	89,124	613,983	
Total 1944.....:	33,875	10,654	446,312	92,925	583,766	

Margarine stocks, December 1, 1948

Preliminary figures from the Bureau of Internal Revenue show that on December 1, 1948 stocks of margarine totalled 1,346,825 pounds colored and 6,977,946 pounds uncolored.

